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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

The number of initial claims to determine eligibility for state unemployment insurance (UI) benefits totaled 375,000 during the week ending Aug. 3, 1985, the U.S. Department of Labor announced today. This seasonally adjusted figure is an increase of 6,000 from the prior week's figure of 369,000.

The seasonally adjusted rate of insured unemployment remained unchanged at 2.8 percent for the week ending July 27. There were 2,570,000 persons collecting UI benefits under state programs during the week, a decrease of 6,000 from the prior week's seasonally adjusted revised level of 2,576,000.

The number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 363,800 for the week ending Aug. 3, an increase of 5,100 from the previous week. There were 348,100 initial claims in the comparable week in 1984.

The unadjusted rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.7 percent to 2.6 for the week ending July 27. The number of persons collecting UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,377,700, a decrease of 46,400 from the previous week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.5 percent and the volume was 2,202,500.

There were 14,400 persons collecting extended benefits available only in Alaska and Puerto Rico during the week ending July 27. In the previous week, there were 10,500 such claimants.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,300 for the week ending Aug. 3, a decrease of 100 from the previous week. There were 2,900 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 100 from the previous week.

There were 18,700 former Federal employees collecting UI benefits during the week ending July 27, a decrease of 800 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans collecting benefits totaled 16,700, a decrease of 200 from the previous week.

The 11 states with the highest insured unemployment rates for the week ending July 27 were: Alaska (5.7 percent), Louisiana (4.4), Idaho (4.1), Oregon (4.0), Washington (3.9), West Virginia (3.9), Mississippi (3.7), Pennsylvania (3.7), California (3.3), Maine (3.3), and Rhode Island (3.3).

BENEFIT EXHAUSTIONS			
8-State Continuing Sample* (Unadjusted)			
WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
July 27	Aug. 3		
25,200	22,600	- 2,600	21,700

*Calif., Ill., Ind., Mass., N.J., N.Y., Penn., Mich.

INITIAL CLAIMS (UNADJUSTED)				
PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
	July 27	Aug. 3		
State Unemployment Insurance	358,700	363,800	+ 5,100	348,100
Federal Employees	2,400	2,300	- 100	2,200
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,800	2,900	+ 100	3,100
Totals*	363,900	369,000	+ 5,100	353,400

PERSONS COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (UNADJUSTED)				
PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
	July 20	July 27		
State Unemployment Insurance	2,424,100	2,377,700	- 46,400	2,202,500
Federal Employees	19,500	18,700	- 800	20,200
Newly Discharged Veterans	16,900	16,700	- 200	19,000
Railroad Retirement Board	21,000	21,000	0	17,000
Extended Benefits	10,500	14,400	+ 3,900	1,600
Totals*	2,492,000	2,448,500	- 43,500	2,260,300

*Due to rounding, some columns may not add to totals.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

The number of initial claims to determine eligibility for state unemployment insurance (UI) benefits totaled 382,000 during the week ending Aug. 24, 1985, the U.S. Department of Labor announced today. This seasonally adjusted figure is an increase of 12,000 from the prior week's figure of 370,000.

The seasonally adjusted rate of insured unemployment remained unchanged at 2.8 percent for the week ending August 17. There were 2,554,000 persons collecting UI benefits under state programs during the week, an increase of 5,000 from the prior week's seasonally adjusted revised level of 2,549,000.

The number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 314,800 for the week ending August 24, a decrease of 4,600 from the previous week. There were 303,300 initial claims in the comparable week in 1984.

The unadjusted rate of insured unemployment remained unchanged at 2.6 percent for the week ending August 17. The number of persons collecting UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,336,500, a decrease of 36,900 from the previous week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.5 percent and the volume was 2,169,000.

There were 14,600 persons collecting extended benefits available only in Alaska and Puerto Rico during the week ending August 17. In the previous week, there were 15,200 such claimants.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,900 for the week ending August 24, a decrease of 100 from the previous week. There were 2,900 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 100 from the previous week.

There were 18,200 former Federal employees collecting UI benefits during the week ending August 17, a decrease of 900 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans collecting benefits totaled 17,400, an increase of 600 from the previous week.

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The 11 states with the highest insured unemployment rates for the week ending Aug. 17 were: Alaska (5.7 percent), Louisiana (4.4), Idaho (4.1), Montana (4.0), Washington (3.8), Oregon (3.7), Mississippi (3.6), West Virginia (3.6), Rhode Island (3.4), California (3.3), and Pennsylvania (3.3).

BENEFIT EXHAUSTIONS			
8-State Continuing Sample* (Unadjusted)			
WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
Aug. 17	Aug. 24		
22,000	22,300	+ 300	19,700

*Calif., Ill., Ind., Mass., N.J., N.Y., Penn., Mich.

INITIAL CLAIMS (UNADJUSTED)				
PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
	Aug. 17	Aug. 24		
State Unemployment Insurance	319,400	314,800	- 4,600	303,300
Federal Employees	2,000	1,900	- 100	2,200
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,000	2,900	- 100	3,100
Totals*	324,400	319,600	- 4,800	308,600

PERSONS COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (UNADJUSTED)				
PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
	Aug. 10	Aug. 17		
State Unemployment Insurance	2,373,400	2,336,500	- 36,900	2,169,000
Federal Employees	19,100	18,200	- 900	18,600
Newly Discharged Veterans	16,800	17,400	+ 600	19,300
Railroad Retirement Board	21,000	21,000	0	17,000
Extended Benefits	15,200	14,600	- 600	600
Totals*	2,445,500	2,407,700	- 37,800	2,224,500

*Due to rounding, some columns may not add to totals.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

The number of initial claims to determine eligibility for state unemployment insurance (UI) benefits totaled 382,000 during the week ending Sept. 7, 1985, the U.S. Department of Labor announced today. This seasonally adjusted figure is a decrease of 6,000 from the prior week's revised figure of 388,000.

The seasonally adjusted rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.8 percent to 2.7 for the week ending August 31. There were 2,469,000 persons collecting UI benefits under state programs during the week, a decrease of 78,000 from the prior week's seasonally adjusted revised level of 2,547,000.

The number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 304,800 for the week ending Sept. 7, a decrease of 12,700 from the previous week. There were 289,300 initial claims in the comparable week in 1984.

The unadjusted rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.5 percent to 2.3 for the week ending August 31. The number of persons collecting UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,133,100, a decrease of 153,800 from the previous week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.3 percent and the volume was 1,960,000.

There were 13,100 persons collecting extended benefits available only in Alaska and Puerto Rico during the week ending August 31. In the previous week, there were 14,500 such claimants.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,900 for the week ending Sept. 7, a decrease of 400 from the previous week. There were 2,600 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 200 from the previous week.

There were 16,400 former Federal employees collecting UI benefits during the week ending August 31, a decrease of 1,200 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans collecting benefits totaled 16,300, a decrease of 900 from the previous week.

The 11 states with the highest insured unemployment rates for the week ending Aug. 31 were: Alaska (4.8 percent), Louisiana (4.1), Montana (3.7), Oregon (3.6), Idaho (3.5), Washington (3.5), Pennsylvania (3.2), West Virginia (3.2), Mississippi (3.1), California (3.0), and Rhode Island (3.0).

BENEFIT EXHAUSTIONS			
8-State Continuing Sample* (Unadjusted)			
WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
Aug. 31	Sept. 7		
20,800	19,700	- 1,100	17,400

*Calif., Ill., Ind., Mass., N.J., N.Y., Penn., Mich.

INITIAL CLAIMS (UNADJUSTED)				
PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
	Aug. 31	Sept. 7		
State Unemployment Insurance	317,500	304,800	- 12,700	289,300
Federal Employees	2,300	1,900	- 400	2,000
Newly Discharged Veterans	2,800	2,600	- 200	2,700
Totals*	322,600	309,300	- 13,300	294,000

PERSONS COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (UNADJUSTED)				
PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING		CHANGE	LAST YEAR
	Aug. 24	Aug. 31		
State Unemployment Insurance	2,286,900	2,133,100	- 153,800	1,960,000
Federal Employees	17,600	16,400	- 1,200	17,100
Newly Discharged Veterans	17,200	16,300	- 900	18,100
Railroad Retirement Board	18,000	18,000	0	15,000
Extended Benefits	14,500	13,100	- 1,400	700
Totals*	2,354,200	2,196,900	- 157,300	2,010,900

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS REPORT

The number of seasonally adjusted initial claims for state unemployment insurance (UI) benefits totaled 408,000 for the week ending Aug. 3, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week. The revised figure for the previous week remained unchanged at 400,000.

The seasonally adjusted rate of insured unemployment remained unchanged at 3.1 percent for the week ending July 27. There were 3,315,000 persons claiming UI benefits under state programs during the week, an increase of 30,000 from the prior week's seasonally adjusted revised level of 3,285,000.

The number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 397,600 for the week ending Aug. 3, a decrease of 8,300 from the previous week. There were 339,100 initial claims in the comparable week in 1990.

The unadjusted rate of insured unemployment remained unchanged at 3.0 percent for the week ending July 27. The number of persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 3,155,800, an increase of 2,300 from the previous week. A year earlier, the rate was 2.2 percent and the volume was 2,337,700.

Extended benefits were available in Alaska, Rhode Island, Maine, and Puerto Rico during the week ending July 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,300 for the week ending Aug. 3, a decrease of 300 from the previous week. There were 3,500 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 100 from the previous week.

There were 30,800 former Federal employees claiming UI benefits during the week ending July 27, an increase of 200 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 21,400, an increase of 600 from the previous week.

The 10 states with the highest insured unemployment rate for the week ending July 27 were: Rhode Island (5.2 percent), Alaska (4.9), Connecticut (4.3), Massachusetts (4.3), California (4.0), New Jersey (4.0), Maine (3.9), Pennsylvania (3.8), New York (3.7), and Oregon (3.7). Puerto Rico was also high at 6.7 percent.

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INITIAL CLAIMS (UNADJUSTED)

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PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING			LAST YEAR
	July 27	Aug. 3	Change	
State Unemployment Insurance	405,900	397,600	- 8,300	339,100
Federal Employees	2,600	2,300	- 300	2,800
Newly Discharged Veterans	3,400	3,500	+ 100	2,700
Totals	411,900	403,940	- 8,500	344,600

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PERSONS CLAIMING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (UNADJUSTED)

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PROGRAM	WEEK ENDING			LAST YEAR
	July 20	July 27	Change	
State Unemployment Insurance	3,153,500	3,155,800	+ 2,300	2,337,700
Federal Employees	30,600	30,800	+ 200	23,500
Newly Discharged Veterans	20,800	21,400	+ 600	17,700
Railroad Retirement Board	7,000	7,000	0	7,000
Extended Benefits	18,700	19,500	+ 800	100
Totals	3,230,600	3,234,500	+ 3,900	2,386,000

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